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**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : George D. Blankenship  
For : CODED WELDING CONSUMABLE  
Serial No. : 10/603,563  
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Examiner : Ahshik Kim  
Group Art Unit : 2876  
Our Docket : LEEE 2 00197

**APPLICANT'S RESPONSE TO REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated November 18, 2005, Applicant submits the following comments concerning such allowance.

Applicant agrees that for at least the reasons identified by the Examiner, the above-identified patent application is allowable. However, Applicant does not agree that the identified reasons for allowance are the only reasons for allowance of the claims in the above-identified patent application over the cited art of record. As such, Applicant reserves its right to assert additional reasons for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,  
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